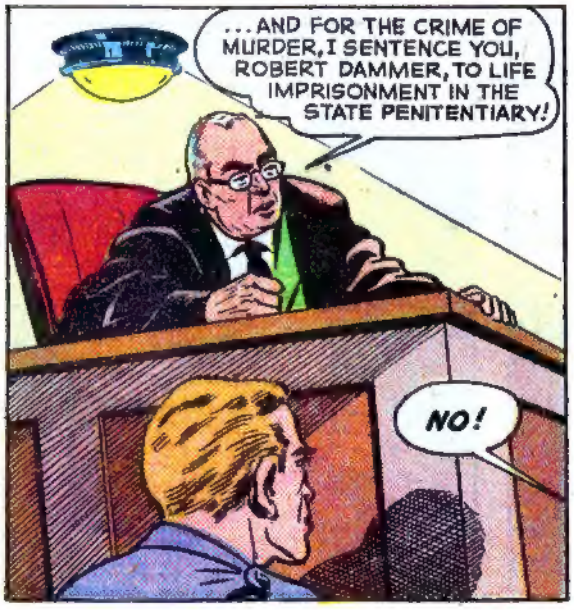
THE HUMAN TORCH
10¢
SEPT. No. 32
COMICS
TORCH! I'M NOT BEING HELD PRISONER IN THERE! THE PLACE IS FILLED WITH DYNAMITE! IT'S A TRAP! TORCH! OH-- HE DOESN'T HEAR ME!

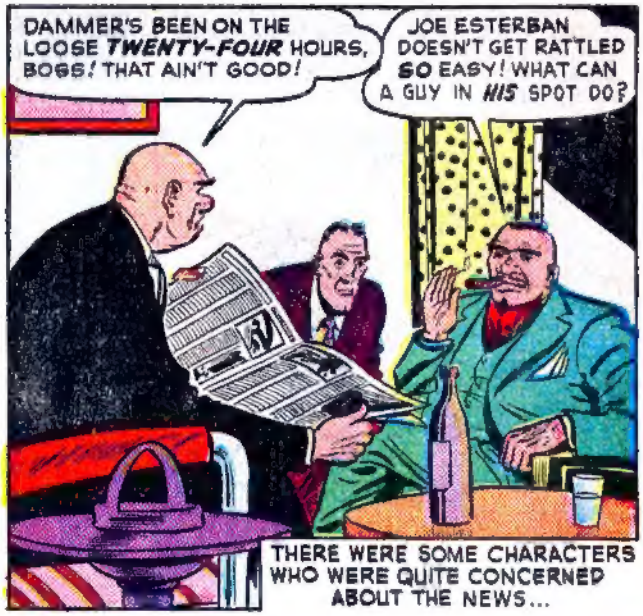
THE HUMAN TORCH
"DOUBLE-CROSS IN DEATH!"
WHO IS ROBERT DAMMER? WHY SHOULD HIS ACTIVITIES HOLD ANY SPECIAL INTEREST FOR THE HUMAN TORCH AND SUN GIRL? WE WONDERED AND SO WILL YOU WHEN GUNS BLAZE AND JUSTICE TEARS OFF HER BLINDFOLD IN THIS ACTION-PACKED THRILLER OF...
3036

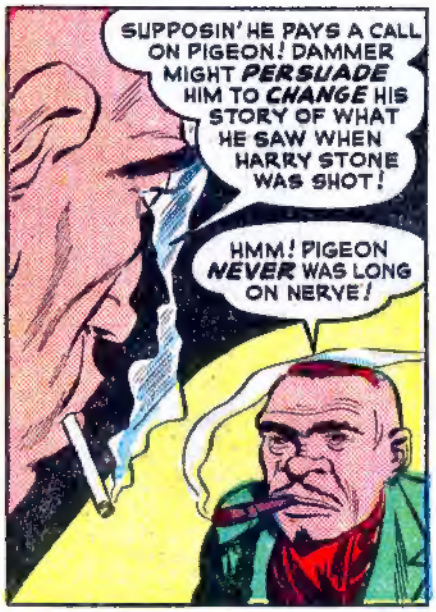

...AND FOR THE CRIME OF MURDER, I SENTENCE YOU, ROBERT DAMMER, TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT IN THE STATE PENITENTIARY!
NO!

I'M INNOCENT, I TELL YOU! IT'S A FRAME-UP! YOU CAN'T SEND ME TO JAIL!
REMOVE THE PRISONER FROM THE COURT ROOM!

ROBERT! WE'LL GET YOU FREE... SOMEHOW... SOMEWAY...
I NEVER KILLED ANYONE, FRANCES! IF THERE'S ANY JUSTICE LEFT IN THE WORLD, THEY'LL FIND PROOF THAT I AM INNOCENT!
FIVE MONTHS! I CAN'T STAND MUCH MORE OF THIS! I NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD TAKE THAT LONG!
MY APPEAL'S GOT TO COME THROUGH SOON! IF IT WEREN'T FOR THESE LETTERS FROM FRANCES, I'D GO OUT OF MY MIND!
ROBERT DAMMER!
THIS JUST ARRIVED FROM THE STATE CAPITAL! THEY TURNED DOWN YOUR APPEAL!
TURNED IT DOWN? B-BUT THEY CAN'T DO THAT!
I'M INNOCENT! I SWEAR IT! I WON'T ROT AWAY MY LIFE IN THIS CELL!
BUT AS DAYS AND WEEKS PASSED, ROBERT DAMMER SEEMED TO BECOME RESIGNED TO HIS FATE! UNTIL ONE DAY...
NO ONE'S LOOKING! NOW'S MY CHANCE!
THE GUARDS WON'T CHECK THE LAUNDRY DETAIL FOR HALF AN HOUR! BY THAT TIME, WITH LUCK, I'LL BE OUTSIDE THE GATES!
2

Timely Globe
MURDERER ESCAPES!


DAMMER'S BEEN ON THE LOOSE TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, BOSS! THAT AIN'T GOOD!
JOE ESTERBAN DOESN'T GET RATTLED SO EASY! WHAT CAN A GUY IN HIS SPOT DO?
THERE WERE SOME CHARACTERS WHO WERE QUITE CONCERNED ABOUT THE NEWS...

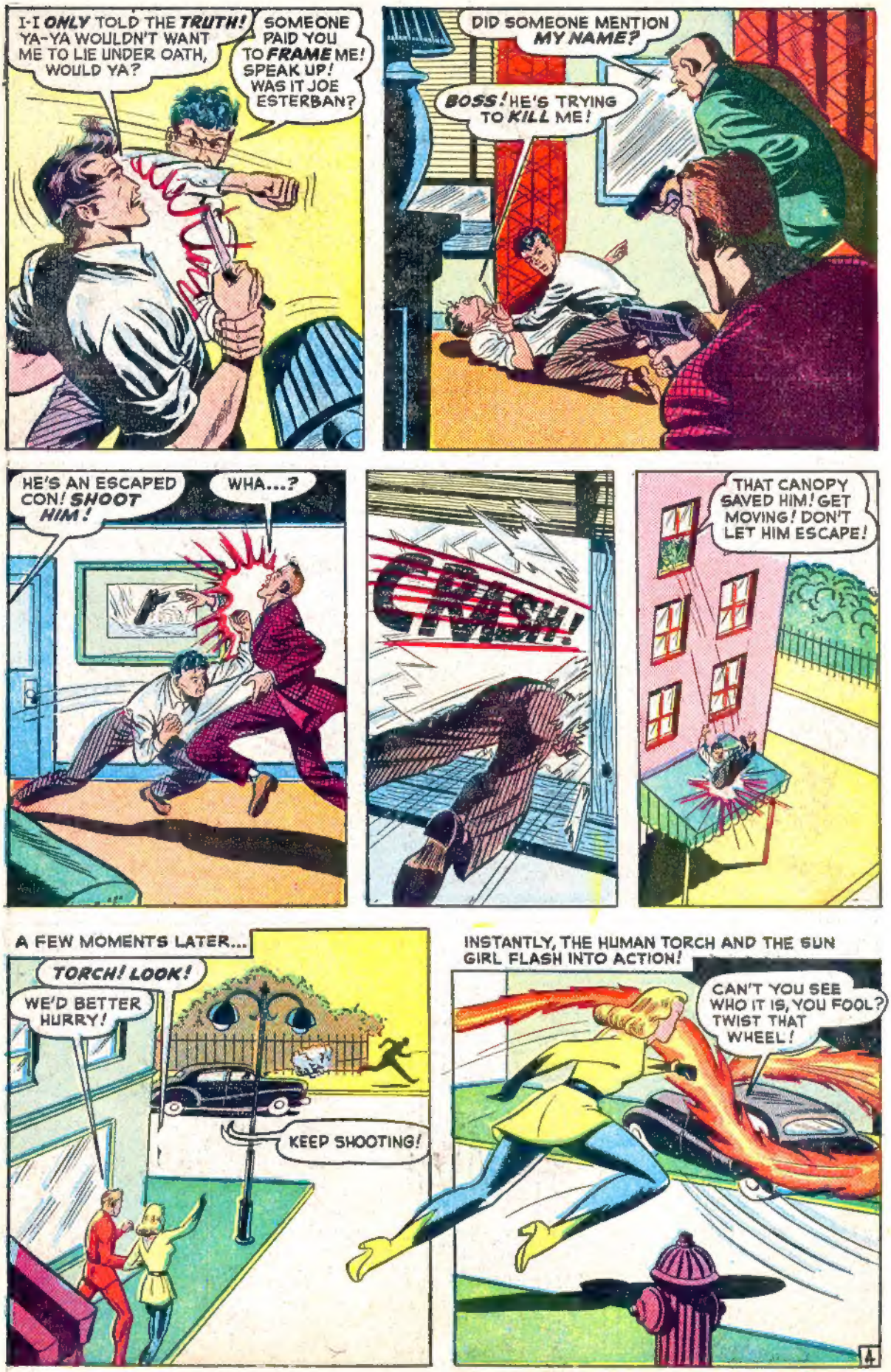

SUPPOSIN' HE PAYS A CALL ON PIGEON! DAMMER MIGHT PERSUADE HIM TO CHANGE HIS STORY OF WHAT HE SAW WHEN HARRY STONE WAS SHOT!
HMM! PIGEON NEVER WAS LONG ON NERVE!

YEAH—PIGEON COULD GET RATTLED! JOE ESTERBAN DON'T TAKE CHANCES! WE'LL BUY PIGEON A ONE-WAY TICKET... OUT OF TOWN!

THE APARTMENT OF MORTY VANCE, BETTER KNOWN TO THE UNDER-WORLD AS THE PIGEON...
SOMEBODY OPENED THE DOOR! W-WHO'S THERE?

IT'S JUST ME, PIGEON! WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A LITTLE TALK!
YOU—YOU MUST BE CRAZY!

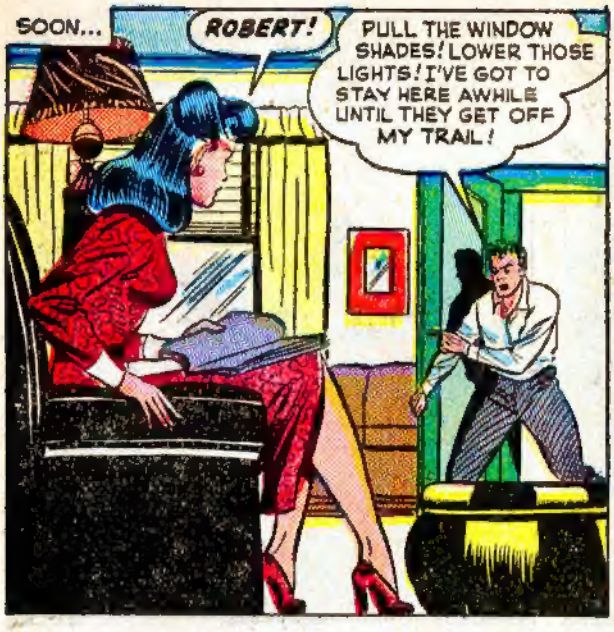
EVERY COP IN TOWN IS LOOKING FOR YOU! T-THIS IS NO PLACE TO HIDE OUT!
YOU LIED ABOUT ME, PIGEON! AT THE TRIAL YOU SAID YOU SAW ME PUMP THREE BULLETS INTO HARRY STONE! I WASN'T EVEN THERE WHEN HARRY WAS KILLED!
3


I-I ONLY TOLD THE TRUTH! YA-YA WOULDN'T WANT ME TO LIE UNDER OATH, WOULD YA?
SOMEONE PAID YOU TO FRAME ME! SPEAK UP! WAS IT JOE ESTERBAN?
DID SOMEONE MENTION MY NAME?
BOSS! HE'S TRYING TO KILL ME!
HE'S AN ESCAPED CON! SHOOT HIM!
WHA...?
CRASH!
THAT CANOPY SAVED HIM! GET MOVING! DON'T LET HIM ESCAPE!
A FEW MOMENTS LATER...
TORCH! LOOK!
WE'D BETTER HURRY!
KEEP SHOOTING!
INSTANTLY, THE HUMAN TORCH AND THE SUB GIRL FLASH INTO ACTION!
CAN'T YOU SEE WHO IT IS, YOU FOOL? TWIST THAT WHEEL!
4

AFTER THE GANG CHIEFTAIN EXPLAINS...

SO YOU WERE REALLY HUNTING DOWN A DANGEROUS CONVICT? I'LL HAVE TO ACCEPT THAT ALIBI UNTIL I CAN PROVE IT ISN'T SO!
I WOULDN'T KID YOU, TORCH!

BUT YOU STILL HAD NO RIGHT TO TAKE THE LAW INTO YOUR OWN HANDS! I HOPE YOU'VE GOT LICENSES FOR THESE GUNS!
DO YOU THINK I'M DUMB? KEEP THEM, TORCH! MY LAWYER WILL GET THEM BACK FROM THE POLICE PROPERTY CLERK!


SOON...
ROBERT!
PULL THE WINDOW SHADES! LOWER THOSE LIGHTS! I'VE GOT TO STAY HERE AWHILE UNTIL THEY GET OFF MY TRAIL!

I'M SORRY TO MIX YOU UP IN THIS, FRANCES! BUT I CAN'T HELP MYSELF! I'VE ONLY A LITTLE TIME BEFORE THE COPS GET ME, AND I'VE GOT TO PROVE THAT I'M INNOCENT!

HARRY STONE WAS A FRIEND OF MINE! WE OWNED THAT BAR AND GRILL FOR YEARS... AND AS PARTNERS! I'D NEVER HAVE KILLED HIM!
YOU THINK JOE ESTERBAN DID IT?

ESTERBAN WAS ALWAYS TRYING TO GET US TO PAY PROTECTION MONEY! HARRY AND I REFUSED! I'M POSITIVE THAT'S WHY HARRY WAS KILLED!

IF THE PIGEON HADN'T TESTIFIED THAT HARRY AND I QUARRELED, THAT HE SAW ME SHOOT HIM, THEY'D NEVER HAVE CONVICTED ME!
YOU'RE RIGHT! FINDING THE PIGEON AND FORCING HIM TO TELL THE TRUTH IS YOUR ONLY HOPE!
BRRING

HELLO! YES, WHO IS THIS?

THIS IS PIGEON! LISTEN, I KNOW YOU'RE DAMMER'S GIRL! HE'LL GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU! WHEN HE DOES, TELL HIM I GOTTA SEE HIM RIGHT AWAY... IT'S IMPORTANT!